Introduced by Assembly Member La Suer

February 16, 2005

An act to amend Section 8616.5 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to structural pest control.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 552, as introduced, La Suer. Structural pest control.

Under existing law, the Structural Pest Control Board licenses and regulates persons engaged in structural pest control. Existing law requires the county agricultural commissioner to be the lead agency for inspections and routine investigations of pesticide use.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 8616.5 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 8616.5. (a) The county agricultural commissioner shall be the
- lead agency for inspections and routine investigations of
- pesticide use by-the board licensees and registered companies,
- and of persons engaged in unlicensed structural pest control.
- When a matter is referred to the board for action, the board shall
- be the lead agency and may require that the commissioner assist
- 9 in any investigation.
- (b) The board and the Director of Pesticide Regulation shall 10
- 11 jointly develop the list of the types of investigations to be

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1 conducted by the commissioner that may result in the suspension 2 of a license or company registration, or the imposition of a fine, 3 pursuant to Section 8617 and the list of the types of violations 4 that the commissioner shall refer to the board for disciplinary 5 action.

(c) As used in subdivision (a), the term "routine investigations" means all investigations of pesticide misuse by a board licensee or registered company except (1) investigation of misuse incidents that are referred to the board for disciplinary action or that are the basis for county actions to suspend or fine structural pest control licensees or registered companies in accordance with the lists promulgated pursuant to subdivision (b), or (2) any investigation performed by the county agricultural commissioner that has been requested by the board and involves exclusively a violation of this code.